

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN AND PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AT LOCOMOTIVE AIR SERVICES, INC.,

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS CHROME CRANKSHAFT COMPANY), BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites comments on a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to demolish the building structure and place an asphalt cap over the site. The site, located at 6845 East Florence Place, in Bell Gardens, is where metal plating activities formerly took place. Suva Elementary School and Suva Intermediate School are located adjacent to the site and residential homes are present across Florence Place. The proposed removal action consists of cleaning the building's interior, removing waste materials, demolishing above-ground portions of the building and placing an asphalt cap over the site. The proposed removal action, an interim measure, is needed to clear the site for further study, and is not the final cleanup remedy.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The notice provides the interested public the opportunity to review the RAW, learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC during the 30 day public comment period.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The 30 day public comment period begins October 24, 2003 and ends November 24, 2003. DTSC will host an open house and public meeting to receive your comments and answer any questions or concerns about the proposed removal action. The open house is an opportunity to informally discuss the project with DTSC staff on a one-on-one basis. The public meeting is an opportunity to hear a formal presentation about the project and to give us your comments. Please join us at Ross Hall, 6662 Loveland Avenue, Bell Gardens, on:

Open House: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 Public Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 5:00PM to 6:30PM

Spanish interpretation will be available. You can submit your comments at the open house, public meeting, in writing or vi a e-mail to Mr. Daniel Zogaib, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA, 90630, dzogaib@dtsc.ca.gov. All comments must be postmarked or received by November 24, 2003.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW, Proposed Negative Declaration and other project documents are available at the following Information Repositories:

Bell Gardens Library
7110 S. Garfield Avenue

Bell Gardens, California 90201
(562) 927-1309

Commerce Central Library
5655 Jillson Street
Commerce, California 90040
(323) 722-6660

Site documents pertaining to this project are available for review between 8:00AM and 4:00PM, at the DTSC office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA, 90630. Contact Ms. Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment.

CONTACT:

If you have questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Daniel Zogaib, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5483, or Ms. Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354. If you need special accommodations, please contact Ms. Stacey Lear by November 5, 2003. Si sesea información en español, comuníquese con el Srt. Leticia Hernandez al (714) 484-5488.